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SUBJECT: NUMBERS OF CAMBODIANS ABROAD (PHILIPPINES)

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1. ON MAY 5 KHMER AMBASSADOR LY CHINLY PROVIDED AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN WITH LIST OF 54 CAMBODIANS RESIDENT IN PHILIPPINES WHO WISH TO GO TO US. EMBOFF HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED LY CHINLY OF US CONGRESS' DESIRE RE UNHCR PARTICIPATION IN RESETTLEMENT EFFORT. LY CHINLY HAD DRAFTED CABLE TO UNHCR REQUESTING ASSISTANCE BUT WAS ENCOUNTERING OPPOSITION TO SENDING IT FROM STAFF MEMBERS WHO FEARED COMMUNICATION MIGHT BECOME PUBLIC AND INCREASE DANGER (WHICH ALREADY SIGNIFICANT) OF REPRISALS AGAINST THEIR FAMILIES IN CAMBODIA.

2. AMBASSADOR LY CHINLY, WHOSE CHILDREN ARE IN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, AND HIS COLLEAGUES FEEL US IS ONLY PLACE THEY HAVE SOME CHANCE OF EARNING LIVING. HE HAS NEVERTHELESS HAD STAFF MEMBERS EXPLORE IMMIGRATION POSSIBILITIES IN CANADA AND AUSTRALIA. HE REPORTS FAIRLY COLD RECEPTION AT BOTH THEIR EMBASSIES HERE WITH AUTHORITIES EMPHASIZING

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INTENDING IMMIGRANTS MUST SATISFY NORMAL REQUIREMENTS,

PREFERABLY HAVE TECHNICAL SKILLS, ETC. AMBASSADOR LY CHINLY INDICATES HE HAS HAD NO PRESSURE FROM GOP TO MOVE ON AS YET BUT NOTES HIS PRESENCE HERE WOULD BECOME UNTENABLE WHEN GRUNK REPRESENTATION IN PLACE.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE FROM PARA 3 REF A THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS AGREED ACCEPT LIMITED NUMBER OF VEITNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES ON CASE BY CASE BASIS. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE GOP IS THINKING PRIMARILY OF VN DEPENDENTS OF FILIPINOS WHO WORKED IN VIETNAM AND STUDENTS OR TECHNICIANS DOING WORK THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS USEFUL.

4. OUR READING OF REF B LEADS US TO HOPE THAT EVENTUALLY USG WILL FIND SOME WAY ACCOMMODATE LY CHINLY AND KHMER GROUP IN PHILIPPINES, INCLUDING CHILDREN OF LONG BORET. SULLIVAN

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